

Coaching Highland Sailing Update

Sailing has enjoyed Core Sports status since 1998 with Gael Force Ten then with Coaching Highland from 2005 to current. Sailing have recently accepted the invitation for 2009-10 to be part of the programme for another year. At present Jane Campbell Morrison is our Sailing Co-ordinator.

The Coach Action Plan for 2009-10 is about to be finalised; this document strategically plans how the funding of £3,300 will be allocated to specific courses, workshops and conferences. This funding is available to any voluntary coach who lives within the Highland Council area and wishes to attend a coach education course, whether the course is in Highland or elsewhere. Course fees, travel and accommodation costs will be considered for funding. All funding applications must be received before the start date of the course. The application forms can be completed or downloaded from the Coaching Highland website www.CoachingHighland.co.uk or a paper copy can be requested from the office.

In the period 1998 – 2009, Sailing has benefitted from 122 scholarships with a total of £12,429.13. Already in 2009-10, 1 scholarship has been awarded.

In December 2008, Coaching Highland brought home a winning trophy from the UK Coaching Awards 2008 – they won the new category: ‘Agency in Support of Coaching’.

As a result of this fantastic achievement; Alan Hoseason, Coaching Development Officer at Coaching Highland, presented at the UK Coaching Summit in Glasgow in April 2009. Also more recently he presented at the Scottish Sports Development Officers Conference last week in Aviemore.

Coaching Highland regularly organise Child Protection courses throughout Highland, the details of the forthcoming courses are as follows:

- In Safe Hands (Club Child Protection Officer course) | Wednesday 27th May 2009 | Inverness
- Safeguarding & Protecting Children course | Thursday 28th May 2009 | Inverness

Places are still available on both courses and are bookable on the Coaching Highland website (www.CoachingHighland.co.uk | Members Area | Coaching Courses Page) or by completing an application form.

Coaching Highland can be contacted on 01463 718009 for help and advice. Also there are many benefits for becoming a member of the Coaching Highland website. Membership is free and takes a couple of minutes to register. This allows access to the member’s area part of the website which includes details of funding avenues, coaching courses, core sports info, sports development contacts and much much more!